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Subject: Region 1 mine issues -- fyi

All – wanted to update you on some comms issues related to mines in Region 1. Our program staff briefed Jim Woolford and team today so OSWER is looped in here as well.

We have 4 sites in the region:

Callahan Mine in ME

Ely Mine in VT

Elizabeth Mine in VT

Pike Hill Mine in VT

For Callahan Mine, there is public meeting on Weds, August 19th. In addition to the RPM, we will have an OPA person there (likely Jim Murphy) and will use messaging from HQ to respond to any Durango issues.

For Ely Mine, we have a proposed plan that is scheduled to be issues in the next several weeks. We plan to go forward with that and include a box on the proposed plan that references the Durango matter (again with HQ messaging).

There is no current or scheduled activity at the other 2 mine sites.

We will let you know of any press or other issues associated with these sites/activities.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns.

Thanks

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From: Hathaway, Ed

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Subject: Callahan Mine Update

Greetings to all:

EPA will be hosting a public information meeting at the Brooksville Town Office on August 19th at 7 pm.

Callahan Site Update:

There will be a limited amount of Site work this summer and fall. Last week, contractors working for the Maine DEP began work on the site access roads to prepare for the installation of a horizontal well in the tailings impoundment. The well will be installed during the weeks of Aug 10th and 17th. The well is designed to facilitate the lowering of the water levels along the front portion of the tailings impoundment. This is a necessary first step before the final cover system can be installed. The water that discharges from the horizontal well will be treated to meet water quality standards before discharging to Goose Pond.

EPA and Maine DEP will also be sampling groundwater at the Site the week of August 10th.

The design for the tailing impoundment cover system and stabilization was completed in July 2015. The design for the sediment and waste rock cleanup will be developed over the next few years.

In 2016, EPA will perform the first Five-Year Review of the Callahan Mine. EPA reviews all cleanup actions that leave waste in place every five years to ensure that the cleanup is protective of human health and the environment. The five year begins at the start of the cleanup action. The Five-Year Review will focus on the Callahan Mine property PCB cleanup along with the cleanup of the metal contaminated mine waste from the residential properties.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Ed Hathaway

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